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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the Firſt and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From **Friday** December 22d. to **Monday** December 25th. 1710.

WHEREAS the Subſcribers to this Paper (laſt Quarter) paid their Money to a Servant of the Proprietors; it being too much Trouble for one to gather in the ſame; you are therefore deſired to pay it to the Men as formerly, who will give you a Printed Receipt for the ſame, Sign'd by,

J. Mayo.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. I *Deſire your Solution of our Saviour's expreſs Words, in St.* Matthew, Chap. 5. Ver. 34. Μὴ ὀμόσαι ὅλως, &c. *If to be taken expreſs, why then are Oaths uſed amongſt us* (i. e. Chriſtians.) *Which will Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber, M. C.

A. Why moral Sentences, though expreſſed in general Terms, are notwithſtanding not univerſally true, we have already explained No. Vol. III. And that this Sentence of our Saviour is to be underſtood not in an abſolute, but Qualified Senſe, is manifeſt from the following Reaſons. 1ſt. By conſidering the poſitive Command that is oppoſed to this Prohibition, *Swear not at all, but let your Communication be Yea, Yea,* &c. For by this it appears that our Saviour is here directing us how to govern our common Diſcourſe and Converſation together, and therefore the Prohibition in the Beginning muſt be reſtrained to the ſame matter. Being taken in this, which is undoubtedly the true and only, Senſe of it, the Prohibition no more Infringes the Right which Magiſtrates have to impoſe Oaths on their Subjects in matters of due Importance, than his ſaying in *Verſe* 21ſt. *Thou ſhalt not kill, and whoſoever ſhall kill ſhall be in Danger of the Judgment,* reſtrains them from Puniſhing capital Offenders with Death. 2. The Example of St. *Paul* and of our Saviour himſelf proves that Swearing upon a fit Occaſion is not unlawful. That in matters of great concernment St. *Paul* who certainly underſtood his Maſter's Mind in this particular, made no ſcruple of adding the Confirmation of an Oath, the Reader may be ſatisfied by conſulting *Gal.* 1. 20. *Rom.* 1. 9. 2 *Cor.* 1. 23. 2 *Cor.* 11. 31. And our Saviour when he ſtood before the High-Prieſt did not refuſe to Anſwer upon Oath. *Matt.* 26. 63. 3. The Lawfulneſs of taking Oaths may be alſo proved from the ſeeming Neceſſity there is for them in Civil Government, Publick Adminiſtration of Juſtice, and maintaining of good Order and Peace in Societies. For this Reaſon the Apoſtle tells us, *Heb.* 6. 16. *That an Oath for Confirmation to Men is the End of all Strife.* Hence wherever the Notion of a Deity has taken Place, Oaths have been uſed for the ultimate Determination of Matters in Difference, as being the utmoſt Aſſurance that Men can give of their Faith and Sincerity: So that the Enthuſiaſts among us act Singularly and without any warrantable Example in ſtanding out ſo ſtubbornly againſt the wholeſome Laws of our Country, concerning giving Teſtimony upon Oath. Theſe Things conſidered, it is apparent our Saviours Prohibition concerns only Swearing in our Communication or Ordinary Diſcourſe together, about the Unlawfulneſs of which there is no Diſpute.

Q. Gentlemen, *What is the Reaſon, that Pendulums of the ſame length in different Latitudes, take different Times to perform their Vibrations.*

Yours, S——l K——r.

A. This is owing to the Spheroidical Figure of the Earth, the Diameter of the Earth drawn through its Poles being leſs than that which is

drawn in the Plain of the Equator; for the one is to the other as 689 is to 692. Hence the Force of Gravity at the Poles muſt be greater than at the Equator, and conſequently a Body will take a longer Time to deſcend through an Arch of a given Circle at the Equator than at the Poles. As then the Earths gravitating Force towards the Equator decreaſes, ſo a Pendulum, which in Latitude vibrates in a Second of Time, muſt nearer the Equator take a longer time to vibrate in. So again the length of Pendulums which perform their vibrations in equal Times in different Latitudes, is directly as the accelerating Forces of their Gravities. By this, if we know the length of a Pendulum which performs its vibrations in a given Time in any one part of the Earth, it is eaſy to determin the length of a Pendulum which performs its vibrations in the ſame in any other Part of the Earth. *Monſ. Richer*, found by Obſervation that a Pendulum which vibrates Seconds at the Iſle of *Cayen*, which is in the Latitude of 5 Degrees, was a tenth Part of an Inch ſhorter than one which vibrates Seconds at *Paris*. This Obſervation will come very near to a Calculation made upon the Grounds we have already laid down.

Q. *I always underſtood till lately, that* APOLLO's Rays *were as benign as glorious, and yet forſooth becauſe I cou'd not find his* Godſhip *lately (who acknowledges his Obſcurity by the following Lines,* Vol. I. N°. 21.

" *But ah! tho' once I rul'd the Sun alone,*

" *One glorious Moment caſt me from my Throne,* [&c.)

is pleas'd to ſay that he is almoſt pos'd to diſcover what kind of Animal I am. I ſhould have thought that APOLLO *(noted of Old for all manner of Humanity) would have return'd a requeſt for Lines for* Subſcription-Muſic, *in ſofter Terms than comparing me to one of thoſe pretty Beaſts or Birds, mention'd in his Anſwer to my Query,* Vol. III. N°. 96. *but that Anſwer is ſo a* propos *to his Humor, that it plainly makes him what he thinks me, if I ſhould allow him to be any thing elſe; he is certainly Mad in ſuppoſing that the Tongue never happens to be worn out, 'till long after the loſs of the Voice, for as the Memory may ſurvive both, the Faculty of ſetting Words to* Muſic *may remain, which (not Singing) was what I propos'd to his* Godſhip. *But whatever Charity his* Godſhip *has for my Hide and Shoe-Leather, I muſt it ſeems (tho' he has promis'd me ſome Songs) ſpend more of each to find the place in which I muſt leave 'em.*

W. Turner.

A. What! Monſieur *Sing-Song*, break forth on the ſudden into Politics, Criticiſms, Simile's, and all that —— why this is a Note above *Ela* in *alt*, we wiſh his Brains are not flown up therewith, paſt Humane reach to diſcover 'em more. At beſt your Wits, branching forth into ſo many Streams at once, will be in great Danger of being loſt, from an Indigence at the Fountain Head to continue them. Tho' if we reflect on your Politics, we have Reaſon to fancy, you hope to paſs for a *Great Wit*, by appearing but one remove from Madneſs. For who, in their right Senſes, wou'd advance ſuch Syllogiſms? As to the Obſcurity you Reflect, the Connexion with the other Lines, will ſhew how wide you are from the matter, which delivers the Poſſeſſion of his Throne to QUEEN *ANN*. And does not ſo Illuſtrious a Succeſſor, add Luſter to the Throne; and glorify her Predeceſſor, by her acceptance of it? Will a Preſent to ſuch a Princeſs? throw the Reſigner into Obſcurity This Diſcovery of yours, with your Ignorance of *Apollo*'s Preſence, is not unlike to that of the Old Woman, who cou'd perfectly ſee a Needle upon a Barn and not the Barn it ſelf, and ſo much for your Criticiſms. Now have at your Simile's. —— *For as the Memory*, &c. Doubtleſs you have known many with great Memories, after their Tongues have been worn out —— at leaſt your ſelf muſt have a vaſt one, to remember any ſuch —— *The Faculty of ſetting Words to Muſic may remain* —— after they are Dead and Rotten. You will find no Women to out-live their Tongues, yet they wear 'em faſter than Men, except Men of ſuch Feminine Capacities, who think all the Eloquence and Argument in Talk, conſiſts in *Talking on*. But this is all to your advantage, for it cannot be ſuppoſed that a great *Maſter of Compoſition*, can have room in his Head for Ten Thouſand *Crotchets*, and Images and Notions of things at the ſame time, and 'tis for his Reputation, as moſt Cogenial to his Function, that his Thoughts ſhou'd more be expreſſed by a touch of the Finger, then the motion of the Tongue. We adviſe you therefore for the Future, rather to manifeſt your Parts by the Demonſtration of the Fiddle, than like a Fiſh out of the Water, leap out of your Element into Argument.

POEMS.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. IN *your next Paper, or in Courſe,*
Or when you pleaſe, pray tell the Source
Of this odd Proverb —— God a Mercy Horſe;
And begging Pardon for the Trouble,
I here preſume to Query double:
Aſſur'd few Scruples you refuſe,
Not like Athenians *Pick and Chooſe.*
Thus then, if Dad's Skill don't forſake ye,
Explain this Saw —— a Good Year take ye.

SALTERO.

A. When *Beſſus* had (that doughty Wight)
Prepar'd leſs for the *Wars* than *Flight*
(And yet to ſee how Fickle *Fortune*,
Will Croſs th'Occaſions we Importune,
The *Captain* Faught 'yond humane Creature;
Faught ev'n againſt his *Stars* and *Nature*)
For when he Thought to've run away,
And in a whole Skin yield the Day,
He was by's Evil *Genius* led,
To take his Chance for Honour's Bed;

Since

Since that his Flight did ſo diſpoſe,
To fall ſlap daſh upon his Foes;
Ne'er Man beſtow'd more Praiſe on Honour,
Than He loud Curſes throw'd upon Her;
For with his Conſtitution *She*
A Miſtreſs was, did ne'er agree;
His Fury rais'd to ſuch an Height
For being Croſs'd in eager Flight,
He did upon his Foes diſplay,
Meerly becauſe they Stopt his Way;
By which a Vict'ry was obtain'd
Tho more in Honour low then gain'd)
But to return, where we begun,
(Which is the conſtant Courſe o'the *Sun*,
Our *Knight* be'ng to no Miſchief come,
But He, and's Horſe, both ſafe at Home,
Revolving on th'Dangers paſt,
In Thouſand, Ugly Guiſes caſt;
Quoth He, I'm glad things are no worſe,
I find I'm whole, *God a Mercy Horſe.*

Thus Modern Authors Write, but Others,
Who are allow'd, their Elder Brothers,
Say, that in Days of Yore, one *Walters*,
Who had eſcap'd an Hundred Halters,
Was once purſu'd ſo cloſe and faſt,
That he opin'd it was his laſt;
'Till on the ſudden his Horſe took,
A Stream (no Poet's murm'ring Brook)
On which a Fleet at once might ride,
And bravely ſtem'd th' Impetuous Tide;
On which, *God a Mercy Horſe* he cry'd.
And thus to ſhew we grudge no Trouble,
One Query we have Anſwer'd double.

Much Pains your other Query coſt us,
And in the ſearch we'd almoſt us;
'Till lighting on an Ancient Doctor,
He very gravely thus unlockt her.
There ſome where liv'd (the L—— knows when)
A Man who was the wonder 't Men;
Like the Fam'd *Royal Sov'regin* Tall,
That's if you count his Maſt and all;
But if his Body 'lone you'd take,
It only her wide *Hull* wou'd make:
Yet ballancing one thing with 'nother,
He juſt Proportion was all over;
For what in height was wanting, that,
Was in Circumf'rence made up pat;
This Mortal when to Anger mov'd,
Their Dangers the Aggreſſors prov'd,
For Ruffel'd thereby into Storms,
His Face put on ſuch dreadful Forms;
That any who deſign'd to fright,
As well by Day, as in the Night.
A *Goodyear* take ye'd do the ſame,
For that was his Terrific Name.
Raw-Head and *Bloody-Bones* diſguiſe,
Wou'd never half ſo much Surprize.

Q. *Can it but from* APOLLO *Crawl,*
Why we a P——*pot* Jordan *call?*
I'll count my ſelf Oblig'd for that,
As ſoon as I've your Anſwer pat.

A. We muſt to tell your *Jordan*'s Source,
To Hebrew Roots have our recourſe:
From *Jarad Jor*, which does intend,
In Engliſh Di'lect, to deſcend;
By *Dan* the Tribe was only meant,
Through which the River *Jordan* went!
Now P——pot being o'ft *Deſcendant*;
On wandring Sconce below defendant;
Which oft meets ſuch Attacks to maul it,
We fitly may a *Jordan* call it.
Perhaps ſuch Accident hath put
Our *Queriſt* on, to find it out,
From *Nanny-Houſe* be'ng ſtrolling late
(For ſhunning Midnight Magiſtrate)
Some Alley took, while from on high,
Some unſeen Hand let *Jordan* fly,
While he return'd home from his Wench,
Fraughted with P—— and Fætid ſtench,
Or if we judge herein amiſs,
There's many a *Rake*, whoſe Caſe it is.

APOLLO,

Q. *I am not, I know it,*
By Nature a Poet.
As little, I know of the Ar
But if you think fit,
(To be a True Wit)
The Rules (I Intreat you) impart.

A. It is all in vain,
If Defective in Brain,
Any Rules for their Cure to relate;
We're ready to prove,
Improvement we love,
But never pretend to *Create.*

SIR,

THE Advices from Lisbon, Dec. 15. are that the Letters from King Charles's Army dated the 21ſt of the laſt Month, ſay, That his Catholick Majeſty's Army, upon the firſt Review, conſiſted of 16000 Foot, and 6000 Horſe, and on a ſecond Review, of 23000 Horſe and Foot, and that there were Hopes, that the ſame would continue near Toledo, 'till Reinforcements ſhould come from his Allies; That on the 7th inſtant, ſail'd out of that Port (Lisbon) for Gibral-

tar;

tar, the Warſpright, Breda, Berwick, Severn and Lyme, as Convoy to the Newtoundland-Fleet, bound for the Streights; the three firſt of which are to return to Lisbon, to Convoy the Fleet for England; That an Officer from General Stanhope is arriv'd there, who reports, that King Charles was ſafely arriv'd at Barcelona, with 1000 Horſe; That the Allies had fortify'd and garri'on'd Toledo, and ſeveral other Places, which were well provided with Ammunition and Neceſſaries; and that the Army conſiſted of about 17000 Foot, and 6000 Horſe, being in Plenty of every thing; That a Ship from Gibraltar brings an Account, that 2 Ships from Briſtol, bound for that Place, had been taken by the Salee Rovers.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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N. *B.* This Office hath met with ſuch ſucceſs, that above Fourteen hundred Perſons have already ſubſcribed, and it not doubted but it will be compleat within five or ſix Weeks, at which time they begin to pay Claims; the ſaid Mr. Edwards having, before his death, cauſed 12 Truſtees to be choſen or elected at Sadler's-Hall, to whom Security is given, according to the Articles of Settlement, and the ſaid Truſtees are reſolved to ſupport and encourage the ſaid Widow and Adminiſtratrix in this lawful Undertaking.

The Office on Births is in like manner continued, where daily Attendance is given and Policies delivered out as uſual.

MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST and OPERATOR, in Extraordinary to Her MAJESTY, who has been ſo ſucceſsful in Couching the Cateract and Curing all other Curable Diſtempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Chriſtopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight theſe Perſons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Buts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Suſan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Weſtminſter*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, reſtored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goſwell-Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, reſtored to Sight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Chelſea-College*, aged 87, reſtor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron Hill*, blind by Obſtruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whoſe Mother lives at Juſtice *Conſtables* in *Goodman's-Fields*, the ſame. Mrs. *Jackſon* in *Wood's-Cloſe*, the ſame. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old-Soho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goſwell-Street Saywell Lathan*, at *Adam's-Coffee-Houſe Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane* NOTE, Theſe with 235 others have been Cur'd ſince *Sept.* 1708 by the aforeſaid Mr. *Grant*.

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